

[11th September 1959]

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that a Tamil Daily is carrying on a campaign of vilification against this statue?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : நல்ல காரியத்திற்கு ஏதாவது முட்டுக்கட்டை போடுபவர்கள் எதற்கெடுத்தாலும் ஏதாவது குற்றம் சொல்லிக்கொன்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் சொல்வதையெல்லாம் பொருட்படுத்த முடியாது.

Rural Development and Local Administration Department

* 318 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to merge the Community Development Projects with Local Administration Department;

(b) if so, for what reasons; and

(c) what are the advantages of such merger?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to merge the Community Development Projects with Local Administration Department at the Secretariat level and to this end have issued orders for the formation of a new Department to be called "Rural Development and Local Administration Department" with the Development Commissioner as its ex-officio Secretary.

(b) & (c) Under the new Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, a Panchayat Union Council is to be set up for each Community Development Block and the Community Development Programme has also to be entrusted to the Panchayat Union Council for execution. It will, therefore, be administratively convenient if the same machinery is in-charge of both Community Development and Panchayats. The Block Development Officers will also be ex-officio Panchayat Union Commissioners and it is therefore desirable that the same Department should be in control of both Panchayats and Community Development. The Panchayats Act also contemplates that the Panchayat Union Councils should be the agency for execution of other developmental schemes and it will therefore be convenient if the Development Commissioner who co-ordinates the work of different development departments is also in-charge of the Panchayats and Panchayat Union Councils.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Has it come to effect, Sir?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : சமுதாய நலத் திட்டம் அமுலில் இருக்கும் பகுதிகளில் எல்லாப் பகுதிகளிலும் பஞ்சாயத்துக்கள் நிறுவிய பிறகு பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் நிறுவாததன் காரணம் என்ன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் நிறுவத்தான் புதிய டிபார்ட்மென்டே ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.